(d) if so, whether any action has been taken by Central Government for conducting an enquiry in the matters;

(e) if so, what are the other demands by the central school teachers; and

(f) to what extent Government have been able to meet their demands?

THE DEPUTY MINISTRY IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT DEPTT OF EDUCATION DEPTT. OF CULTURE (Km. SELJA) :

(a) No, Sir.

(b) does not arise.

(c) and (d) Yes, Sir. Government is of the view that no such enquiry is warranted.

(e) and (f) Certain employees associations had submitted representation listing out demands pertaining to transfer/posting policy, recruitment procedure, filling up of vacancies, action on certain welfare measures etc.

Commissioner, Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan has been holding discussions with the recognised associations from time to time on the demands/grievances of the employees. The Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan takes necessary follow up action based on the discussions.

Establishing West Zone Regional Centre in Gujarat

1652. SHRI AHMED MOHMEDBHAI PATEL : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether the State Government of Gujarat has proposed to Central Government for establising West-Zone Centre of University Grants Commission in the State;

(b) if so, whether Government have considered the State Government's request;

(c) whether this proposal is under the consideration of Government for long; and

(d) if so, by when the proposal is likely to be finalised ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT DEPTT. OF EDUCATION AND DEPTT OF CULTURE (Km.SELJA): (a) to (d) In November, 1991, the Chief Minister of Gujarat requested the Government of India to set up a regional office of UGC at Ahmedabad or Gandhinagar. According to the information furnished by UGC, the Commission has taken a decision, in principle, to set up its regional offices. An Empowered Commttee, constituted by the UGC, is examining the various issues like location of regional offices, requirement of infrastructural facilities operational framework etc.

Central Assistance for Purchase of Sports Equipments

1653. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the Central Government provides financial assistance to the State Sports councils etc. for purchase of sports equipment;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) how much sports equipment were acquired by the States during the last three years ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS) (SHRI MUKUL WASNIK) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Government of India through Sports Authority of India, provide annually a financial assistance amounting to 50% of the cost of the consumable sports equipment purchased by the State Sports Council subject to a maximum of Rs. 1.00 lakh to each State/Union Territory. The quantum of sports equipment to be acquired by the State is decided by the State Government.

Conference on "Education for All"

1654. SHRIMATI ILA PANDA : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstatred Question

3401 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 24th December, 1993 and state what steps Government are proposing to meet the objecives of the International Conference on Education for all held recently in New Delhi and the recommendations made therein ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT DEPTT OF EDUCATION AND DEPTT OF CULTURE (Km. SELJA): The Delhi Declaration and the Frame work of Action adopted at the Education for All Summit of Nine High Population countries in New Delhi on 16th December, 1993 essentially reflect the provisions contained in the National Policy on Education (NPE) 1986 and its Programme of Action (POA). A Conference of Chief Ministers was specially convened on February 15, 1994 to consider the relevant issues of Education for All (EFA). The Chief Ministers strongly reiterated their commitment to the achievement of EFA. There was complete unanimity that EFA should be placed high in the Country's development agenda. The centre and the states would work together with a renewed sense of determination to further the national goals. It was agreed that the outlay for education would be raised to 6% of the GDP effective from the 9th Five Year Plan. The states would also supplement the efforts of the Central Government in mobilisation of resources, accord higher priority to primary education and adult education in the States Plans and decentralise management of education.

Financial Assistance from World Bank Technical Education

1655. SYED SIBTEY RAZI : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether World Bank has provided financial assistance to the tune of Rs. 80 crore for improvement, modernisation and extension of technical education in Punjab ;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government propose to approach the World Bank for a similar financial assistance for other States and Union Territories of the country for improvement, modernisation and extension of Technical Education which are backward in the field of Education;

(d) if so, the names of the States and Union Territories to be included in the programme; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT DEPTT OF EDUCATION & DEPTT OF CULTURE (Km. SELJA) : (a) to (e) The World Bank assisted project for Technician Education covers 19 States and Union Territories in the country including Punjab. The World Bank assistance is aimed at Capacity Expansion, Quality Improvement and Efficiency Improvement in the Project States.

The States and Union Territories covered under this project are given in the enclosed Statement (*see* below). The estimated cost of the project for the State of Punjab is Rs. 79.48 crores.

Statement

Financial assistance from World Bank for technician education

Technician Education Project I	Technician Education Project II
1. Bihar	1. Andhra Pradesh
2. Gujarat	2. Assam
3. Karnataka	3. Haryana
4. Kerala	4. Himachal Pradesh
5. Madhya Pradesh	5. Maharashtra
6. Orissa	6. Punjab
7. Rajasthan	7. Tamil Nadu
8. Uttar Pradesh	8. West Bengal
9. Goa	9. N. C. T. of Delhi
	10. Pondicherry